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EMIN delivered reftel points regarding Canada's retention on the Special 301 "Watch List" on April 24 to Paul Robertson, Director General of the North American Trade Policy Bureau at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and to Doug George, DFAIT's Director for Intellectual Property, Information, and Technology. Robertson referred to Canada's longstanding concerns regarding the Special 301 process, but made no substantive comments regarding this year's decision. He indicated that Canada would likely prepare a public response when USTR's decision is released in the afternoon of Friday, April 25. Post will forward any formal Canadian response to Washington agencies, if/when it is released.

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